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1. Secret plans have been made by two officials of the Siemens-Schuckert central office, Vienna I, Nibelungengasse (not under Soviet control) to embark on cable production that will render them independent of USIA for this commodity.
2. In accordance with the plan, five tons of copper have already been contracted for in Brillegg, Tyrol, where the copper is being rolled from plates into bars. From the copper on hand, approximately 1 million meters of single-thread copper wire, 1 to 1.5 square millimeters in cross-section surface, can be produced. Negotiations are scheduled to take place for the acquisition of sufficient copper to produce ten million meters of wire. This would amount to about one-tenth of Austrian needs for one year and would cover the most important reconstruction demands without the aid of the USIA-controlled cable industry.
3. The copper bars are to be shipped from the Tyrol to Vienna, where they will be drawn into wire by the Degussa Firm in Vienna VII, Neustiftgasse 119. Arrangements have been made to have the vulcanizing (application of rubber insulation) done by the Roesch und Handel firm in Vienna I, Gudrunstrasse 150. Since this is in the Soviet Zone, Siemens officials are seeking a suitable building to which they can move the Roesch special machinery so as to avoid possible interference by the Soviets. A warehouse belonging to the City of Vienna has been found in Vienna XIII. The warehouse is currently being used by the U.S. authorities for storage.

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